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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM TANZANIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER BENJAMIN W. MKAPA TO THE SECRETARY. THE SIGNED
ORIGINAL, WHICH WAS MARKED CONFIDENTIAL, IS BEING TRANSMITTED
BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT: REF. NO. MFA/BM.1/78 23RD JUNE, 1978

MR. CYRUS VANCE, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE.

DEAR MR. VANCE,

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO SAY THAT WE HAVE READ
WITH GREAT INTEREST THE SPEECH YOU MADE IN ATLANTIC CITY ON
20TH JUNE, WHICH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA KINDLY
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MADE AVAILABLE TO US.

WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THIS SPEECH, WHICH GIVES A CLEAR
AND POSITIVE MESSAGE, AND AS WE SO OFTEN LET YOU KNOW WHEN
WE DISLIKE SOMETHING WHICH IS SAID BY AMERICAN LEADERS IT
SEEMS TO US APPROPRIATE THAT WE SHOULD ON THIS OCCASION EXPRESS
APPRECIATION* FOR IT IS TRUE THAT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING VERY

WORRIED IN RECENT WEEKS, PARTICULARLY AT SOME REPORTS EMANATING FROM WASHINGTON WHICH SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTED TO FIGHT THE EAST-WEST CONFLICT IN AFRICA. THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO OUR WORRY ABOUT U.S. SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE, IN RELATION TO WHICH WE WERE HAPPY TO SEE YOUR REFERENCE TO U.S. RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA AND TO HAVE THE MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR SPAIN ABOUT MR. MCHENRY'S VISIT TO LUANDA.

OF COURSE, YOU WERE PRESENTING AMERICAN POLICY, NOT TANZANIAN POLICY, SO THERE ARE NATURALLY SOME POINTS WE WOULD HAVE LIKE TO SEE EXPRESS DIFFERENTLY* IN PARTICULAR WE STILL BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY CHANCE FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA IS IF SMITH GOES, AND GOES QUICKLY. WE ARE WORRIED THAT IF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS DO NOT GET IMPLEMENTED SOON, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM WILL HAVE GONE.

LET ME CONCLUDE BY SENDING TO YOU MY PERSONAL GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES. YOURS SINCERELY, BENJAMIN W. MKAPA, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. (SIGNED BEN W. MKAPA) END TEXT.

3. THIS KIND OF LETTER IS NOT ROUTINE AMONG TANZANIAN OFFICIALS AND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS RECOMMENDED.
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